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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lawrence Salkoff *et al.*

Application No.: 09/176,664

Filed: October 21, 1998

For: PH SENSITIVE POTASSIUM
CHANNEL IN SPERMATOCYTES

Examiner: Nirmal S. Basi

Art Unit: 1646

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks and amendments. A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from December 13, 2001 to January 13, 2002, is attached hereto. Also submitted herewith is a Declaration of Dr. Timothy Jegla under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and Exhibits A-C.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows.